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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 5

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO RECOGNIZE OCTOBER 12 THROUGH 14,
2007 AS "COWBOYS FOR CANCER RESEARCH DAYS" IN NEW MEXICO.**

**WHEREAS, cancer is one of the leading causes of death
with one of every three women and one of every two men
contracting some form of cancer during their lifetime; and**

**WHEREAS, nearly every household has been touched by a
cancer-related issue; and**

**WHEREAS, research into the prevention and cure of cancer
is imperative for generations to come; and**

**WHEREAS, cowboys for cancer research was formed twenty-
five years ago with the intention of raising funds to aid in
cancer research and development at the university of New
Mexico cancer research and development center; and**

WHEREAS, funds raised by the cowboys for cancer research

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1 events help seed new research studies and buy equipment that
2 will benefit patients directly by providing promising new
3 treatments; and

4 WHEREAS, cowboys for cancer research is the largest
5 cancer fundraiser in the state of New Mexico, where one
6 hundred percent of the money stays in New Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, cowboys for cancer research is the largest,
8 single, consistent contributor to the university of New Mexico
9 cancer research and development center; and

10 WHEREAS, one hundred percent of all the money donated by
11 cowboys for cancer research goes for cancer research and
12 treatment in New Mexico; and

13 WHEREAS, cowboys for cancer research has contributed over
14 six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) in its successful
15 twenty-four-year history, with one hundred forty thousand
16 dollars (\$140,000) of this amount donated in 2006; and

17 WHEREAS, all money contributed is deposited in the
18 cowboys for cancer research Alma Cohorn memorial endowment
19 fund at the university of New Mexico; and

20 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico is collaborating
21 with the New Mexico state university chemistry department on
22 cancer research, and cowboys for cancer research has joined
23 with the university of New Mexico to help fund this important
24 work; and

25 WHEREAS, cowboys for cancer research is an all-volunteer

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1 organization without dues or salaries of any kind; and

2 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico has the only
3 national cancer institute-designated cancer center in New
4 Mexico, and these types of centers play a vital role in the
5 nation's cancer research and treatment agenda; and

6 WHEREAS, in these forty elite centers, scientists and
7 physicians who specialize in cancer treatment work hand in
8 hand to discover the causes of cancer, develop better ways to
9 diagnose and treat cancers and provide leading edge, state-of-
10 the-art cancer care to patients in their regions; and

11 WHEREAS, the center at the university of New Mexico was
12 named the state's official cancer center in 2004 by Governor
13 Bill Richardson; and

14 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico is the largest
15 cancer treatment facility in New Mexico, treating patients in
16 all thirty-three counties and seeing over three thousand newly
17 diagnosed cancer patients each year, including thirty-six
18 percent of the adult cancer patients in the state and one
19 hundred percent of the pediatric cancer cases;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
21 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to proclaim
22 October 12 through 14, 2007 as "Cowboys for Cancer Research
23 Days"; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 sent to the governor and to cowboys for cancer research.

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